

Our organization believes that HB2844 needs to pass as to stop listing beavers as "predatory" animals. This bill encourages beaver presence on the landscape to create an atmosphere where Oregon sees more benefits from increased, and more widely-distributed beaver populations in Oregon. Removing the predatory animal status for beaver, which allows Oregon's wildlife experts, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, to manage beaver everywhere in Oregon as it does for the vast majority of wildlife in Oregon, including deer, elk, black bear, wolves, raccoons, fish, and others. Oregon is the "Beaver State" what state would allow the wanton trapping and killing of the emblem of its state? Does not make sense. Beavers are very valuable for our environment and our state's ecosystems. Please vote in favor of HB 2844.